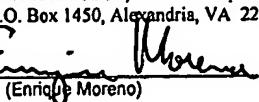


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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants submit this amendment in response to the final Office Action in the above case having a mailing date of March 9, 2006. It is believed that this amendment is timely filed and no time extension is required. If a time extension is required please charge the undersigned's deposit account for any fees involved therewith. The deposit account number is shown in the enclosed transmittal form.

AMENDMENT ENTITLED TO ENTRY UNDER RULE 116

This amendment is entitled to entry under Rule 116 as putting all claims in condition for allowance, see Remarks below.